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DEADLINE FOR SIXTY-NINTH ISSUE-----April 1

As we enter the 21st Century the coin hobby is ablaze with items to collect. The quarter program has rejuvenated the youth in the hobby. Recently a visit to the hobby shop showed it was all the proprietor could do to keep a stock of the new quarter coin albums. Even at the Post Office where I work, showing off the new quarters to my co-workers has got them hooked into collecting these coins. The quarter program is just one of the items. We now have the rebirth of the Susan B. Anthony dollar, Paper Currency with modernistic changes to enhance more collectors to seek out the old style notes. In just a couple of Months the new Sacagewea, gold in color, dollar will be in circulation, Infact you can buy a box of Cheerios soon and get lucky and find a dollar in the package. The coin hobby is going CRAZY, but I love it..

In July NORCAL III will take place at the Concord Sheraton Hotel, and this years show hopes to improve, in so far as, new dealers that have heard about the success of the last two shows, and were on the waiting list, will now have a chance to set up at Northern California's most prestigious coin conventions. One of the Nations top Bourse Chairman's, insures me a third consecutive sellout. Exhibitors will have 60 feet of display space. The youth table headed up by the American Numismatic Associations National Coordinator, Dr. Walter Ostromecki, is making plans for a youth auction to be held on Sunday afternoon of the show. These type auctions are great for the children from ages 8-18. It enlightens them on the conditions, value, and business aspects of the hobby. Its educational, its fun, and most of all it's NEAT!

I have the pleasure of having onboard with this organization, one of the best event coordinators in the Nation. Mike "Stan" Turrini, High School Teacher, Yearbook designer,Milk Bottle collector, Model Railroad enthusiast, Yap Stone Owner, meat grinder aficionado,Choir singer extroidinaire, to put together a fantastic array of guest speakers for Saturdays forum.

The hotel has opened there doors to us.Whatever we want they can rovide.Excellent lighting, spacious accommodations, cheap prices, and good food, not to mention , acres of free parking. All in All a Show you do not want to Miss, See you there!

Mike "Steamer" Stanley
President

THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

Dear Friends,

Greetings! As this new year---plus new decade, century, and even millennium---commences, it is a good time to reflect on how each of us, you and I, as well as our fellow coin hobbyists, might enhance our mutual hobby and enrich, in the process, our own collecting contentment and well-being.

Although there might be several answers to the above inquiry, my editorial here is directed to one, *namely*, 'being a hobby mentor'.

Mentors, mentorships, are a current buzz word in education, business and industry, and career development. Millions are spent in businesses, in schools, and in the trades and industry, to help, to compliment, and to support those new to jobs, careers, or positions, and to be a mentor *and* to be recognized as one is a sure plus in one's advancement.

Now, how can you or I, or any of our fellow coin hobbyists, be mentors? Helping, encouraging, supporting, and advising those who are new---or causally interested---to our mutual hobby. Here are a few suggestions, each adaptable and advantageous as you may wish.

First, Answer Questions. However elementary this may seem, the fact that a refusal to respond to a question, or inquiry or concern, is negative, and anything negative can 'turnoff'. This elementary action is the most basic: if someone, of any age or interest or expertise, asks a question, reply with an candid and clear answer, and if you do not know, volunteer another source or further effort. *Thank About It:* How have you felt when asking a question and getting nothing in response? It is not a very good feeling. Correct? Snubbing, or disinterest, are the usual results for such cass behavior. *Try To Answer Questions.* The rewards are far greater than any effort given.

Second, Have Hobby Information Readily Available. This one I learned from a fellow stamp hobbyist, my close friend, Carl Fritze, dba C&C Stamps, of Fairfield, California. Often he will ask me if myself has any philatelic---stamp---information, which myself does, as a Life Member of the American Philatelic Society (APS). Asking Why? He replied that some little neighbor youngster, or some new customer or someone else, had asked about the stamp hobby, and he wanted to give these individuals 'something': something solid in the hand that informed and might enticed about world of stamps. *What Does It Take To Hold Onto Outdated COIN WORLDS, NUMISMATIC NEWS, or NUMISMATISTS, or even old RED BOOKS or catalogs?* Recycling and reusing are trends, and being *both* a hobby mentor and giving these away---to youngsters new to the hobby or some adult curious about coins---are a good means of doing your fair-share for recycling *and* mentoring our hobby

Third, Offer A Free Local Coin Club Trial One Year Membership. I cannot claim any credit for this one and am copying the suggestion from Rusty King of the Reno (Nevada) Coin Club. Let Mr. King explain: "it is our goal in the RCC (Reno Coin Club) to promote the educational aspects of coin collecting. That is why RCC membership is so very important to all levels of coin collectors, and especially to novice coin collectors...add a safe environment for collectors to share coin and you have something special". Anyone can substitute this or that local coin club name for the Reno Coin Club and derive the same conclusion and benefit, a sure action of being a mentor. *What Is The Cost? What Could Be The Rewards!*

These three suggestions are only three, and you might have your own three, or even one; however, you, and anyone reading this, gets the intention: be an active and avid mentor for our hobby; assist, advocate, advise, plus advance our 'king of hobbies'! *Just Do It!*

Numismatically Yours,

Michael S. Turrini
Editor

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

2000 NOR-CAL SHOW

Yes, our Association will again sponsor its Third Annual Nor-Cal Invitational Coin Show later this year, *Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 28, 29, and 30, 2000, the last weekend in July, at the Concord Sheraton Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive, off Concord Avenue, in Concord, California.* The Show hours will be: Friday, 12:00 PM (Noon) to 6:00 PM, Saturday, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and Sunday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Admission and parking will, again, be **FREE**.

The Board of Directors has just begun to prepare and to plan for this three day Coin Show, and as this issue of NCNA HEADS AND TALES is being printed, initial publicity for this Show is being mailed and published in the numismatic press. The May 2000 Issue of NCNA HEADS AND TALES will, hopefully, provide all the specifics to the Show: educational speakers, any collector meetings, Youth activities, exhibits, drawings, Saturday dinner, and so forth.

President Mike Stanley will again served as the Nor-Cal Show General Coordinator, and Your Editor will 'spearhead' the publicity and programs (activities) at the Show. Potential exhibitors---one major concern for this year's Show---may contact Gordon Donnell at '510-526-0538'. Other appointments and assignments will be announced in the publicity and May 2000 NCNA HEADS AND TALES.

The Bourse Coordinator will remain Vince Lacariere, and he may be contacted at: '3769 Peralta Blvd., Suite L, Fremont, California, 94536-3758' or telephoned at '510-792-1511'. Bourse Applications are now being prepared and will soon be available. No substantial increases in table fees are planned, and early reservation is encouraged.

For updated information on this Nor-Cal III, write to: 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410' or telephoned to President Mike Stanley at '925-825-0649'

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Has been scheduled for '*Friday, February 11, 2000, 7:00 PM, at Fremont Coin Gallery, 3769 Peralta Blvd., Suite L, Fremont, California*'. This Board Meeting will commenced when a full quorum is present, and, if space becomes crowded, relocated to another close-by site. All Club Members---via their respective Club Delegate---and any Individual Members are warmly welcomed to attend. Needless to say, the primary agenda items will be for Nor-Cal III.

As a courtesy, if anyone is planning to attend, please telephone ahead to either President Mike Stanley at '925-825-0649' or Vince Lacariere at '510-572-1511'.

2000 DUES

With this January 2000 Issue of NCNA HEADS AND TALES, enclosed is the Annual Dues Notices. The dues rates remain unchanged: \$5.00 for Individual Members and \$10.00 for Club Members. Prompt positive payment is asked and appreciated. If a member has prepaid in-advance this current year 2000 or is a Life Member, needless to say, you may ignore the enclosed Notice. New membership cards were printed recently and will be issued upon receipt of dues payment. Remit to: 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'. **Thank You.**

COIN CLUB LIST

As mentioned in the September 1999 NCNA HEADS AND TALES, the most well-received and useful service of our Association in the past year was the rejuvenated 'Coin Club List'. The revised Third Issue is planned for this February 2000, for initial distribution at the compatriot 'Modesto Millennium' Convention of our neighbor, the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA). With a printing of five hundred (500) copies, any coin club wishing to revise, or verify, its listing needs to contact Your Editor NOW! Write to: '*PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410*'.

For free copies to be distributed at local coin clubs and local coin shows sponsored by a coin club, write to the same post office box. Requests can be for either twenty-five (25) or fifty (50) free copies, depending on available supply and delivery of the aforementioned anticipated Third Issue.

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

Published as the last two pages of this Issue is another Association service, its 'Coin Show Schedule'. As with the aforementioned 'Coin Club List', free copies for local coin clubs and their shows are available. Depending on the punctuality of the request, a supply of fifty (50) or hundred (100) will be gladly be mailed free of charge. Write to: '*PO Box 60484, Palo Alto, California, 9306-0484*'.

OPEN MEETINGS FOR THE ASSOCIATION

Local coin club shows are warmly welcomed to host an Open Meeting for our Association, and our Association will enjoy holding two, or so, such gatherings during the new calendar year. The only stipulations are a distinct room, or area, must be provided free-of-charge and invitations, in writing with specifics, need to be submitted at least six months in-advance; this latter request is to coincide with the mailing schedule of NCNA HEADS AND TALES. The invitation may be for either an Open Meeting or Board of Directors Meeting. Contact President Mike Stanley via: '*PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410*'.

SPEAKERS AND M/C:

Although there is no formal program in place nor procedure, the Association's elected Officers, *with adequate notice*, would enjoy addressing and advancing numismatics at local coin clubs. Topics are extensive and varied, and can even be adjusted to a particular theme or subject. Services as a Master of Ceremonies (m/c) at dinners and banquets and an Installation Officer are also offered. Both the Association's current President and Your Editor would welcome invitations. Candidly, their respective careers and job schedules as well as the distances so typical of northern California may preclude some dates, cities, and events; however, it is only the cost of a postage stamp or telephone call to inquire. Again, write to: '*PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410*' or telephone '925-825-0649'.

MILLER MEDAL

With this Issue comes the formal announcement for written nominations for the year 2000 Miller Medal---the '*Ron Miller Memorial Award*' as it is properly titled---and the deadline for these nominations is **JUNE 30, 2000**. This Medal has become one of the most distinguished honors in numismatics, and its rosters of prior recipients attest to the esteem and status the Miller Medal has become since its inception in 1994. Nominations may be sent to the aforementioned Association's post office box, attention 'President Mike Stanley'.

BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club News and Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, and news releases from these following coin clubs. Please send your periodicals and club 'updates' to Your Editor for reporting and inclusion in NCNA HEADS AND TALES, as well as the California State Numismatic Association's quarterly CALCOIN NEWS. Mail to the post office box on cover page. *Thanks.*

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION Your Editor is also this Association's Regional Coordinator, for all of California and Hawaii, and a meeting of all Association District Delegates (DDs) and Club Representatives (CRs) will be held on *Saturday, February 19, 2000, during the 'Modesto Millennium' Convention of the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA), held at the Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 L Street, in Modesto, California.* The exact time and room site for this gathering, anticipating to last about an hour, is unknown, except it will be in the afternoon. Specifics can be telephoned to GORDON DONNELL at '510-526-0538' or contact at 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'. *ALL ANA DD's and CRs Are Urged To Attend This Meeting!* If unable, please contact Your Regional Coordinator as convenient. The semiannual newsletter, STAN-O-GRAM, published by Your Regional Coordinator, is issued twice-a-year, June and December, and every local coin club in California and Hawaii receives a complimentary copy. The next issue is June 2000.

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB Past President DOUG DANIELS in the Club's December 1999 GOLD STRIKE offered four poignant points as to why several local coin clubs failed---closed---here in northern California. His provocative points are so strong these are quoted, with some minor changes, here: "Since I have been on the West Coast, it has been my unfortunate privilege to witness the failure of four local coin clubs. The Greater Area Hayward Coin Club, the Pajaro Valley (Watsonville, California) Coin Club, the Napa Valley Coin Club, and now the Santa Cruz Coin Club is on life support. I have seen the same circumstances in each club's failure; hopefully, these can avoid elsewhere. *First*, none of the above-mentioned clubs had many junior members nor did the dealers in these clubs encourage their young customers to join. The members got older and older and less and less could attend the meetings for health reasons. Soon meetings had only four to six attendees, and everyone was too old and to infirm to work the club's respective shows. *Second*, none of these clubs made the juniors feel special when they did attend and they got bored, collected baseball cards, etc., and dropped-out of the coin hobby. *Third*, even when the club's were healthy, ten percent of the members did ninety percent of the work. *Fourth*, these club's treasuries dropped to the point that the clubs could not afford show expenses and the dues alone could not pay the bills, and *fifth*, internal bickering, cliques, and 'sides' within the club. This infighting within the club made members not wish to attend meetings and thus the membership dwindled". *Excellent Points, Mr. DANIELS!*

VENTURA COIN CLUB Writes that "at the November 1999 meeting, JD BOWMAN tried to pay for a ten year membership to the Club with a One Hundred Dollar Note, a Confederate Note, that is! Mr. BOWMAN was fined a quarter to trying to pass a bogus bill. The confiscated Note will be included in the next Club Auction with the proceeds going into the Club's Treasury! Our dues are \$10.00 in current United States Funds, Please!" *Yeah, Nice Try, Mr. BOWMAN--Your Editor.*

RENO COIN CLUB RCC Past President RUSTY KING presented an interesting suggestion in the December 1999 RENO CARTWHEEL, the monthly newsletter for the Reno (Nevada) Coin Club: "Adding to the safe environment for coin hobbyists to share coins coins, as a thought, why not give a 2000 Reno Coin Club membership to some fellow coin hobbyist you know?". Now, there is a nice and different approach to attract new members to a local coin club: give him or her a membership! Such could have been a kind and courteous gesture during the recent gift-giving Holiday Season. *Good Idea, Mr. KING--Your Editor.*

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB Ended 1999 with its Annual Holiday Party at its December 14th Meeting, which concluded with the 'Slab-Toss': "toss real stabbed coins at targets on the floor; the winner gets a nice silver dollar--unslabbed!".

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB Remains Active. It concluded its 1999 year with the Annual Joint Meeting/Party with the neighboring Pacific Coast Numismatic Society (PCNS) on Wednesday, December 22nd at the Knights of Columbus Hall, in San Francisco. As usual and as traditional, HANS HANSSON cooked a nice large turkey, with all the trimmings, and members brought pot-luck dishes. There was no business conducted, since it was a joint social. Previous meeting programs have had: MARK CLARK, at the October 26, 1999 meeting, speaking on 'The History of Cuban and Mexican Lotteries' and KEN TAKAHASHI, at the November 23, 1999 meeting, speaking on 'Collecting United States Type Coins'. The Club continues to meet at the '*Knights of Columbus Hall, 2800 Taraval, at 38th Avenue, in the Sunset District, in San Francisco, on the Fourth Tuesdays, with 7:30 PM meeting start*'.

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB Held at its last August 11th meeting its Annual Other Hobbies Night, with these participants: DON BARSI, Wooden Bears, CLYDE TULLER, Marbles, LARRY BENSON, Pottery, STACEY OOMS, Model Horses, ALAN GUINN, Chirstmas Ornaments, RYAN JOHNSON, Star War Legos, RAY JOHNSON, Kellogg's Pep Pins, SALLY JOHNSON, Barbie Dolls, and ED SINS, American Flyer Locomotives. The SJCC has lost two very respective members in the last few months, Professor CHARLES KAPPEN, noted California numismatic author and writer, and more recently, MARSHALL MYERS. He was well-known for his ordering and distributing the SJCC's Show tokens and wooden nickels. Recent SJCC meeting activities have been: September 13th meeting with speaker CHUCK WHITE, on 'Commercialization of the Olympic Coins', October 13th, Annual Gaint Auction, with Auctioneer KEN BARR with runners DAVE EVANS and AL LO and recorder VIC LAZZARO, and November 10th with speaker ED SINS, on 'History of Carson City Mint'.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB Writes that its 2000 year Executive Officers will be: DAVID HERR, President, DR. RODNEY W. BAKER, Vice-President, LARRY BRYANT, Recording Secretary, JIM HAGGARTY, Treasurer, and with MARION IMEL, Assistant Treasurer. The monthly SVCC NEWSLETTER will be edited by MARIANNE HOPKINSON and ED HOPKINSON with printing done by DR. RODNEY W. BAKER. These Officers will be installed at the SVCC's Annual Installation Dinner, at Roseville's Spaghetti Factory, at which Your Editor is scheduled to serve as the Master of Ceremonies (m/c). The recent October 9 and 10, 1999 Annual Fall Coin-A-Rama held an Youth Auction which was coordinated by DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, JR, and had as the First Auctioneer, IAN SEELY, of Santa Rosa, California. Some sixty-four youths registered for the sale and spend some \$15,065.00 in special Auction Bucks, money only for youngsters registered at the Auction. *A Great Success!*

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Writes that its October 23 and 24, 1999 Thirty-Third (33rd) Annual Fresno Coin Show was a success: "All tables were sold-out. We had nearly six hundred (600) in attendance for the two day Show. We sold two thousand one hundred eighty-four (2184) drawing tickets, and our Society cleared a little over \$2,000.00!". Much of the credit for these successes goes to RUTH PHILLIPS, longtime Show Chairperson for the FNS. So good for the FNS, "RUTH also reported that one third of the bourse tables have already been sold for the 2000 Coin Show". As FRESNO NUMISMATIST RANDY S. CLIFTON noted that "I cannot say it enough; we should all commend RUTH for an excellent job that she did in coordinating the Show. We indeed are very lucky to have someone like her in our Society, who will shoulder the responsibility in putting a quality show like that together. Thanks Again, RUTH!".
A Nice Fine Tribute--Your Editor

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB Reports the October 8, 1999 meeting was the Club's Annual Youth Night: "Youth Vice-President GREG TYSON presided over 'Youth Night' at the October night. Twenty-seven members attended, hearing presentations on the Morgan Dollar by SPENCER 'No Relation' MORGAN, and Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge by an appropriately-attired GREG TYSON. The Cupertino Fire Marshall did not permit any pyrotechnics at the meeting; however, so the planned Acting-President-On-Fire Demonstration unfortunately had to be cancelled". Also in October, on the 23rd, the CCC held its Annual Banquet with twenty-eight members and guests present at Cupertino's Blue Pheasant Restaurant. Life Memberships were presented to: PEARL LO, SUZANNE LO, BRYAN LO, TOM CAROLAN, KELLY CAROLAN, WALT LINEBAUGH, and HARVEY ROSE. Chairpersons for this year's Annual Banquet were KATHERINE RAY and GARY ACQUISTAPACE. Speaking of GARY ACQUISTAPACE, he was the *speaker* at the CCC's November 12th meeting with his 'England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales', a travelogue based on his recent trip to the British Isles. As CCC's Editor KEN BARR noted in the CCC's COIN PRESS: "Thanks, GARY, for this latest installment of 'Where In The World Was Gary Acquistapace?'". *Quite True, For There Are Few Places That He Has Not Been! --- Your Editor*

DELTA COIN CLUB Has elected its 2000 Officers, and they are: KEVIN MALOY, President, WILLIAM HORNING, Vice-President, ISOLEE SMITH, Recording Secretary, SYD KASS, Corresponding Secretary, and LOIS ENZMINGER, Treasurer. These Officers will be installed at the January 14, 2000, Annual Dinner of the Delta Coin Club, which this year will be held at the Club's meeting site, St. Pauls Methodist Church, in Stockton, California. Your Editor will serve as this Dinner's Master of Ceremonies (m/c). Regretfully, both Your Editor and MIKE STANLEY were unable, due to the weather and job demands, to drive to Stockton for the November 26th DCC meeting and its 'World War II Remembered'. Sorry.

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Reports as to the success of its October 1999 Annual Book Auction, one of the events of northern California numismatics: a total of \$1,158.60 was earned with Auctionneer STEPHEN M. HUSTON and these generous donors: KEN BARR, DON BARSI, CHRIS'S JEWELRY, DUD 'N' DEN SUPPLY, DAVID EVANS, DAVE FOUBE, PETER HAMILTON, MAX HENSLEY, STEPHEN M. HUSTON, RON JOHNSON, VINCE LACARIERE, DAVID W. LANGE, J.T. STANTON, and BOB VAIL. Other important news from the LNS is that its Pacifica post office box---PO Box 813, Pacifica, California, 94044-0813---has been closed as of November 1, 1999; however, as this issue of NCNA HEADS AND TALES goes to the printer, the new post office box, to be located in Millbrae, California has not be announced. Correspondence to the old post office may be forwarded for awhile, however.

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Was honored to hear former President DAVID W. LANGE, and noted national numismatist, speak at its November 24, 1999 meeting on 'An Overview of Collecting British Coins of the Year 1797-1970': "DAVE brought along his budding collection, most pieces in the highest preservation obtainable. Of course, some coins are just not available in pristine condition, but as DAVE explained, he attempts to find the best available for the type and the search and history uncovered are what make such a collection worldwide". PCNS joined the aforementioned San Francisco Coin Club last December 22, 1999 for their annual joint Christmas Party.

GATEWAY COIN CLUB Is one of three local Central Valley coin clubs involved with the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) 'Modesto Millennium' Convention for February 19 and 20, 2000. GCCers helping with this statewide Convention include: TERRY WOODWARD, General Chairperson, LILA ANDERSON, THERESA LUND, RON LUND, JOEL ANDERSON, JACK NELSON, and STAN TURRINI. The other co-sponsors of this Convention are the *Delta Coin Club* and *Stanislaus County Coin Club*. The GCC October 7th meeting heard DR. DeWAYNE GALLUPS speak on 'Collecting Mardi Gras Doubloons', traveling up from his southern California home. He supplemented his talk with "exhibiting examples of the many issues" of these doubloons.

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB Held a Thanksgiving Feast at its November 10, 1999 meeting. Some fifty-one (51) members and guests enjoyed the turkey and trimmings, provided by LEE GONG and CONNIE PETERSEN, of G&G Markets of Santa Rosa, California. STAN TURRINI began the festive eating with an appropriate inspirational, and he had an interesting Show'n Tell: a prescription for alcohol for medical purposes prescribed by a doctor during Prohibition. Prescriptions was one of the only two *legal* means of having alcohol. His signed prescription, by a Sacramento, California doctor, had the provisions 'take as needed' and 'No Refills'. The Club's September 15, 1999 meeting was 'Other Hobbies Night' and had these participants: WILLIE QUARANTE, Parking Meters (*Note:* "No, no, he did not just pick-one-up-off the curb. It was a used one that he purchased. The good old-fashion kind that takes cents, nickels, and dimes, and if he ever figures out how to open it up, he will find out what kind of change is left over!"), SEAN O'BRIEN, Slot Machines, TERRY and PAUL BORAWSKI, Limited Edition Silver Ten Dollar Gaming Tokens, with his goal to obtain one from each casino in Nevada, ANN NOLEN, Russian Ceramic Piece, KEN JORDAN, Wildlife Photography, NEAL CONNER, Reproduction Coin Bags, GARY COOMBER, Gold Sovereign, "the twenty-first that his has purchased with money saved with recycling", MERLE AVILA, Metal Detactors, with one with "more bells and whistles than Carter has liver pills", and CHARLIE CATLETT, Antique Medical Books, "with one on Phrenology, the studies of the skull contours, and one on Tokology, women's health.". The following RECC October 13, 1999 meeting was the Club's Donation Night, with fifty-nine (59) donated lots. Auctioneer was MERLE AVILA and the Recorder was ROY ROBERTS, and this Auction took an hour and half to complete; but did earned the Club \$389.75. Lots went for \$1.00 to \$31.00.

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Also held an annual fundraising auction: its Annual Maxine M. Hopperstad Memorial White Elephant Auction at its December 1, 1999 meeting, and initial proceeds were \$792.00 from one hundred twenty-three (123) donated lots. Auctioneers were MIKE STANLEY and STAN TURRINI with the Recorder and Clerk being DR. RODNEY W. BAKER and JAN HENKE. BETTY HOPPERSTAD, the late MAXINE's daughter, attended this year, as this Auction is a perpetual memorial to her Mother, who served the VNS for decades. This meeting was also the VNS annual election, and this Society's 2000 Officers are: HARRY DAVIS, President, DR. RODNEY W. BAKER, Vice-President, IRENE CARRILLO, Secretary, and STAN TURRINI, Treasurer. The previous November 3, 1999 meeting heard DWIGHT SMALL talk about his decades of piloting 747s, and his aviation talk was well-received. The VNS and its neighbor, the Fairfield Coin Club, jointly held their Annual Christmas Party last December 11, 1999 at Fairfield's Anhesuer-Busch Brewery, with a crowd just under one hundred and the drawing (raffle) taking in \$1355.00! Needless to say, the VNS reminds fellow coin hobbyists that its Twenty-Eighth (28th) Annual Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show will be *May 7, 2000, Sunday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at a new site: Solano County Fairgrounds, Solano County Building, Art Exhibit Room, 900 Fairgrounds Drive, at Highway 37 and Interstate 80, across from Six Flags/Marine World, in Vallejo*. This one-day Coin Show will have two groups meeting: the *Western Wooden Money Club* and the *Solano Silver Round Club*. Information on this Show, may be contacted at 'PO Box 4281, Vallejo, California, 94590-0428' or telephoned to '707-554-4088' or '510-526-0538'.

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Held its World War II Night at its October 21, 1999 meeting, and the Show 'n Tells were outstanding, personal, and quite moving. The following members brought items collected, inherited, or saved over the years: MARK CLARKSON, Philippine Victory Currency, JOE SILVA, Autographed Paper Items, with Winston Churchill, Admiral Ernest King, FDR, etc., TOFER PENTICOFF, War Ration Coupons, ED SCHLEGAL, Nazi Flag and Grandfather's War Helmet, BILL KISER, Flag Raising on Iwo Jima, Mt. Suribaci, a personal account as he was there, BOB BABB, Coins from the War Years, JOH RUSSELL, Father's Personal War Equipment and Uniform, MIKE FIORE, 1943 Fake Copper Cent, STAN TURRINI, the Famous Ruptured Duck, gift of deceaseds World War II neighbor, and MIKE

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two documents from his Father's World War Navy Service, and SCOTT JACKSON, Father-In-Law's War Momentos. The entire Show 'n Tell was very moving, and tears were freely cried for those who had served, and for those who did not return home. Sincere and strong emotions were shared. *An Excellent Program!* The DNS ended its 1999 year with its Annual Party at the home of JAMES and LISA LAIRD, in Alamo, California. Games of bingo, door prizes, and a drawing were held. The 2000 DNS Officers were elected, and they were: STAN TURRINI, President, MIKE FIORE, Vice-President, SCOTT JACKSON, Secretary, and MARK CLARKSON, Treasurer.

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB Ended its 1999 year with its semiannual coin show meeting at the Fairfield Coin and Collectibles Show, last Sunday, December 12, 1999, and will begin its 2000 year with a social gathering at Fairfield's Pietro's Restaurant, on January 13, 2000. The SSRC's Medals Coordinator STAN TURRINI reported that the Club's 'Chicago World Flight Silver Round', with a final mintage of fifty-two (52), have been distributed, with the last out-of-area orders mailed on December 29, 1999. The Club has no plans to any future at this time, and it will hold its other semiannual meeting at the May 7, 2000 Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show. Information on this Club, which is only one of two nationwide dedicated to silver rounds, may be obtained at 'PO Box 3518, Fairfield, California, 94533-0518'.

PENINSULA COIN CLUB Its Editor, FRED G. van den HAAK, always has Quiz Questions in the PCC's monthly newsletter. Here is one: "Question: What do these dates have in common: 1942-1945 and 2000? Answer: Only War 'Nickels' and the new Sacagawea Dollar contain manganese in their minting alloys." Now, *Did You Know That?*---Your Editor.

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB Also held a fundraising Auction, its Annual George Flannagan Memorial Auction at its October 27, 1999 meeting. This Auction earned the Club \$127.00. The Auctioneer was STAN TURRINI with Runners being Junior Members TOMMY and JEREMY COLLINS and Recorder SANDY BEARDEN. Donors were: CHUCK LUCE, STAN TURRINI, JAN HENKE, TINA HENKE, GERALD SINGER, *dba Mr. G's Coins*, ERNIE DRAKE, STANLEY RUIZ de CHAVEZ, MARIE JORDAN, TOMMY COLLINS, E.P. WALLAKER, and JOHN, SANDY, and DARRELL BEARDEN. Earlier the FCC heard SYD KASS, from Stockton, California, speak on 'Paper Money' at its September 22, 1999 meeting, a program that generated much in questions. Previously, at the August 25, 1999 meeting, E.P. WALLAKER added to the Club's Annual 'Hawaii Night' with a general talk based on his decades in the coin hobby. As already mentioned, the FCC, with the neighboring Vallejo Numismatic Society, ended 1999 with the Thirteenth (13th) Annual Joint Christmas Party on Saturday, December 11, 1999 at Fairfield's Anheuser-Busch Brewery. The record attendance included members and guests from Stockton, Tracy, San Bruno, Santa Rosa, Sacramento, Panorama City, Fremont, San Francisco, Berkeley, Concord and Walnut Creek, Palo Alto, and other northern California communities. DR. WATLER A OSTROMECKI, JR, 'stepped-in' for the ill American Numismatic Association (ANA) Vice-President HELEN L. CARMODY-LEBO, who was unable to attend at the last minute, and did the Master of Ceremonies (m/c) duties. SANDY BEARDEN, IRENE CARRILLO, HARRY DAVIS, and MIKE STANLEY did the Registrations. DR. RODNEY W. BAKER printed and ready the annual Goodie Bags, and GERALD DOHERTY handled the 50/50. BILL BARTZ took-care of the Mega-Drawing (raffle), and he and STAN TURRINI attended the Joint Holiday Party of the local two stamp clubs the night before to do the set-up and table arrangements. JOE SIROIS watched the bar, in the Brewery's Hospitality Room. As usual, it was another successful Party. The two groups' highest honor, the Joint Plaque, went this year to WILLIAM F. BARTZ. Previous recipients have been: MICHAEL S. TURRINI, JAN D. HENKE, JOSEPH R. SIROIS, R. JOSEPH BLEAU, RUSSELL LEACH, CRAIG C. BLACKWOOD, and SANDY BEARDEN. *Congratulations To All!*

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These coin show listings are provided as a service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a show listed, please send all pertinent information to: Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306.

- Jan.21-23, 2000 SAN JOSE. San Jose Coin Club Annual Show, Parkside Hall, between Park Ave. and San Carlos St. near Market Street, San Jose. Bourse: Ray Johnson, P.O. Box 10416, San Jose, Ca. 95157. Admission \$1.
- Feb. 19-20, 2000 MODESTO. C.S.N.A., The Modesto Millennium Coin Show (Delta-Gateway-Stanislaus-Coin Clubs), Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 L Street, Modesto. Admission \$1. Bourse: Rubin Smith (209) 982-5961 and Information: Terry Woodward (209) 668-3682.
- Feb.26-27, 2000 DUBLIN. "2000" Token Jamboree, Western States Token Society, Best Western Monarch Hotel, 6680 Regional Street, Dublin, Ca. Bourse/Information: Duane Feisel, P.O. Box 212, Shingletown, Ca. 96088 Phone: (530) 547-3447
- Feb. 26-7, 2000 EUREKA. Eureka Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Doubletree Inn, U.S 101 southbound between T and V Streets, Eureka. Bourse: Harry Dixon: (707) 442-1106.
- Mar. 12, 2000 LIVERMORE. Livermore Valley Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore. Bourse: Howard Kosanke, (510) 449-1973.
- May 7, 2000 VALLEJO. Vallejo Numismatic Society 28th Annual Show, Solano County Building, Solano County Fairgrounds, 900 Fairgrounds Drive (at Highway 37 and Interstate 80), Vallejo. Bourse: Bob Keck, P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo, Ca. 94590. (Phone: 707-554-4088)
- Mar. 18-9, 2000 SANTA ROSA. Redwood Empire Coin Club Annual Show, E.L. Finley Bldg., Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Road., Santa Rosa. Bourse: Merle Avila (707) 585-3711. Admission \$1.
- July 28-30,
2000 CONCORD. NorCal Invitational Coin Show *("N.C.N.A.")
*[Formerly N.C.N.A. Jack Tar/Cathedral Hill Show]. Concord Sheraton Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive off Concord Avenue and interstate 680, Concord. Bourse Info: Vince Lacariere (510) 792-1511

- August 20, 2000 FREMONT. Fremont Coin Club Annual Show, Elk's Hall,
38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Bourse: Vince
LaCariere, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, Ca. 94538.
- Sept. 17, 2000 ALAMEDA. Alameda Coin Club Coin Show, Alameda Elk's
Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda. Bourse: Don
Barsi, P.O. Box 7989, Fremont, Ca. 94537.
- Oct. 28-9, 2000 FRESNO. Fresno Numismatic Society 33rd Annual Coin
Show, Las Palmas Masonic Hall, 2992 E. Clinton Avenue,
Fresno. Bourse: Ruth Phillips, 227 N. Duke Ave., Fresno,
Ca. 93727. (Admission \$1)
- Nov. 12, 2000 PALO ALTO. Peninsula Coin Club Annual Coins and
Collectibles Show, Elk's Lodge #1471, 4290 El Camino
Real, Palo Alto. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box
60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306.